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THE AMERICAN'S CREED.

Phelieve in the United States of America as a governof the people, by the people, for the people, whose It powers are derived from the consent of the governed; democracy in a republic, a sovereign Nation of many pereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable, lablished upon those principles of freedom, equality, jusce, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed in lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to ey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against

Speaking at a session in Baltimore yesterday of the nerican Society for the Advancement of Science, Seyfour Loomis, of New Haven, Conn., argued against the option of the proposed prohibition amendment to the ederal constitution on the ground that it would write pelice regulation into a document which up to the esent has been a statement of the basic principles a representative government. That is a valid objecon, but it is too late to advance it now, as a glance at e history of constitution making in this country in the st thirty years will show. It is absurd to believe the deral constitution could be forever shielded from a ndency which has turned state-constitutions into docments which Prof. Dealey aptly says are complex od verbose. We are too prone to believe there is some in dial effect in mere law, especially fundamental law, we are going to keep right on writing regulations to the constitutions, state and federal, until it dawns on the popular mind that no law is worth the paper is printed upon until the popular will is in favor of enforcement. In the meantime the basic character the government is going to be profoundly changed.

COOPERATION IN COAL.

HAT Amedee J. Casey, the well known and able editor of the American Coal Journal, said regarding the value of cooperation in his review of the al industry during the calendar year, which he prepared becally for The West Virginian, this newspaper has id many times during the past two years. We began say it before even the more wide awake coal journals but we have plenty of company now. As a matter fact pretty nearly all the leading spirits connected with coal industry realize fully now that cooperation is the thing that ever happened and that if the industry is to time to be prosperous there must be even more of it

But it takes two to cooperate even in its simplest form. make it attain maximum results in an industry every concerned must be in it. If it were possible to make the operators see this now and to act upon the knowledge newspaper would not have the slightest doubt about future of coal production in this country. By complete peration it would be possible to develop a foreign outlet American coal which would take care of the surplus put even when the mines are running as we now know ould be possible to run them with a full complement dilled labor.

With complete cooperation the inclustry would be in tion to compel the railroads, no matter who owns them controls them, to give coal a square deal both in the given a fair chance?

matter of car supply and the price paid for railroad fuel. With complete cooperation the big engineering, electrical and marketing problems could be solved in such a satisfactory way that the coal nichastry could be able to effect economics in the same sweeping way the steel, copper and other big inclustries have. With complete cooperation coal production would become less of a fight against the forces of nature, economic laws and fellow producers and more of an occupation which affords an opportunity to enjoy some of the tranquility and peace which men in other lines enjoy, and every operator who wants these things should become a missionary and proselyte among the rapidly diminishing minority which clings to the belief that there is ishing minority which clings to the belief that there is Mrs. Anna Carney, Miss Marie Carnothing in cooperation, and that the big thing in this life ney, Mr. McLaughlin, Miss Lillie McLaughlin, of Morgantown; Mrs. K. S. is to get the money.

As a clinching argument against that tribe it might be stated that the time is right here when there is going to be Scott and daughter Willa, of Shinnsno money in coal production for the man who is not willing ton. to cooperate to the best of his ability.

FOREIGN TRADE.

COREIGN trade for the ten months ended October last writes the prelude to a tale which may develop tients are getting along as well as into an industrial Tragedy before a Republican Congress can get into action, but which will terminate happily with the restoration to power of the party of protection in 1921. Free trade is the heavy villain in the piece, and Democratic sectionalism and inefficiency are the paid cut-

Imports under the Wilson tariff law of manufactures partly and wholly manufactured for the ten months ended with October last show an increase at the rate of \$11. 000,000 monthly, compared with 1917, while exports of those same products, because of the falling off in war demands, show a monthly average decrease of \$26,000,000. An interesting and suitable program is being planned for the meeting. \$870,000,0001 compared with \$762,000,000 the same period last year; the exports \$2,623,000,000, compared with \$3,361,000,000 for the 1917 period. Imports for October, 1918, totaled nearly \$94,000,000, compared the Expeditionary Forces in France, with \$73,000,000 for October, 1917; exports, October, is now at Newport News recovering 1918, totaled \$245,000,000, compared with \$341,000. from wounds received in battle. He 000 for October of list year, a decrease of \$96,000,000 hopes to be able to come home soon. on these two classes of commodities the two months compared. Any one who can not smell the plot now must be loaded with free trade "flu" Incidentally, our total import trade for the ten months ended last October, valued at \$2,569,485,000, paid into our Federal treasury about take the place of the usual preaching service. All who enjoy good music \$150,000,000, or an average ad valorem rate of duty are invite dto attend this service. on all imports for the period of 5.8 per cent, the lowest duty rate in our trade history.

If President Wilson's hard-headedness prevents him from returning from Europe a convert to the doctrine of at her home in Market street. The protection, it is highly probable that he will promptly veto evening was a most pleasant one. any tariff revision which the next Republican Congress will present to him for signature, and in that case the American people will be compelled to await the application of restrictions to foreign competition in the American market is imporving.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Richards, of until the Republican party takes over all the affairs of the Federal government in 1921. At any rate Mr. Wilson will doubtless be given an opportunity to express himself | Columbia Richards, in Haymond

on the subject before that time. The imports and exports comprised in the two classes above mentioned are the product of labor, the exports of lough with Mrs. Gregory at the home American labor, and the more we sell the more American of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph labor profits by that trade ; the imports are the product of Riggs. foreign labor, and the more we consume of them here the smaller the demand for domestic goods supplied for the capital and labor of Americans, and, as a corollary, the cmaller the purchasing power of American labor of the products of the farm. With exports falling off, and imports increasing, as both have been doing month by month for the past year, and as they will continue to do now that the war is over, the inference is obvious: labor, which is now declaring its unalterable determination to refuse lower wages or shorter hours, will find itself out of work entirely as a result of foreign compatition.

That was what labor received as its portion in 1914, before the war broke out and saved this country from an industrial calamity from which it would have required many years to recover. Those workingmen who are still byr notized by the purple and tinsel of the present adminheart the resolution adopted unanimously by the American of influenza. She is survived by a Federation of Labor at its annual meeting in Buffalo a son, now with the U. S. Forces in year ago, which declared against the flooding of this country with foreign goods.

Last night the National Collegiate Athletic association, in session at New York, adopted a resolution favoring the abolition of the training table and scouting. That is very good as far as it goes, but it is going to take a lot of powerful missionary work of make some of the colleges see it.

Charles E. Hughes, appearing for the Commercial Cable company, told the Federal court in New York yesterday that the taking over by the government of the cable lines was unjustified. That depends upon the view point. Postmaster General Burleson seems to be guided by the theory that anything he can get away with is justified provided it aids him in saddling government ownership upon the people of this country.

By way of Switzerland comes the news that a move ment is on foot in Germany to set up a federal republic there on the same plan adopted by the founders of the United States. This is intersting, for it may lead to a satisfactory answer to a question which otherwise probably forever will remian unanswered, to-wit, would the American system as it was laid down work if it were

Here for Funeral.

Among those from a distance who were here for the funeral of Mrs. Marie Scott, which was held at her home in Haymond street Friday at 2:29 o'clock, were Miss Rachel Camp, Bailey, H. L. and Marmaduke Wells, of Clarksburg; Mr. and Mrs. Will

Influenza and Diptheria.

Luke Layman, of Maryland avenue, has been quite ill the past few days with diptheria. Mrs. Curt Layman is also quite ill with influenza. Both pacould be expected.

Returned to Washington.
Albert Carder, who spent Christmas here with his mother and sister, Mrs. Rose Carder and Miss Anna Mo-ran, in Newton street, has returned to Washington, where he has a government position.

Watch Meeting.

A watch meeting will be held at the Diamond Street church on Tuesday evening, beginning at 8:30 o'clock.

In Hospital.

Andrew Henderson, whose home is at Hammond and who has been with

Mrs. J. B. Levelle entertained a few friends informally last evening

Miss Pansy Jacobs, of High street, who has been very ill with influenza,

Newport News, are spending the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. street.

Frank Gregory, who is in a New Jersey cantonment, is here on a fur-

Joseph Jolliffe and nephew, Marion Helmick, are spending a few days with the formers' sister, Mrs. Delphia Smith, at Ernshaw.
Wayne Battaeger, of Maple avenue,

is visiting Fred Boyers at Triune.

MANNINGTON

From Paris Island Dewey Shaffer fith the U. S. Mar ines and stationed at Paris Island, South Carolina, is her for a visit with relatives near the city.

..... Mrs. Anderson Dies. Mrs. orginia Anderson (colored) mont are her having been called by died at her home in Railroad street on the illness of the former's niece, Miss France. Funeral services were held tn Moorefield for interment.

Daughter Born. Born, Monday, December 23rd., to Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Stilwell of Mannington, a daughter.

From Washington Clarence E. Lancaster, of the U. S. Guarantee All Goods

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In Missing List Thename of Renver P. Martin of John A. Ford, Columbus, O. Mannington appeared in yesterday's casualty list of "missing in action."

O.: Guy B. Wallace, Morgan

Called by Illness Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Wells of Fair-

Mrs. Fred Kline of Tridelphia, and from the home at seven oclock last Mrs. Sarah Woodruff of Jacksonburg funeral of Jacob Byard who was a reevening, and the remains were taken were here yesterday to attend the

> Send Money. Many local Syrians are sending mon their native country. Hotel Arrivals

army service at Washington, D. C. is Moundsville, S. M. Hartley, Morgan-

F. Neptune, Cameron, C. A. Harris, Clarksburg, W. B. Gribble, West Union; Ensign Thos. H. Lawlis, U. S. N.;

Wells-R. W. Wittekind, Marietta, O.: Guy B. Wallace, Morgantown; J. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. H. Moore, C. C. Moore, S. W. Moore, Martin of Jerico. ?

J. A. Cross, W. F. Knode, Fairview;
N. J. Hartlieb, Wheeling.

Personals. Miss Neva Monroe is here from Mullens, Wyoming county, for a visit at her home in Franklin street.

G. E. Morris, of Glover Gap, was a husiness visitor in the city yesterday John L. Ely spent Christmas with relatives in Cameron. Tofake Simon, of Shinnston, was

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burt were visi-

tors in Wheeling yesterday. Roy errence has returned after a ey by cable to stricken relatives in visit with his son and daughter in East Liverpool, Ohio.

K. Joseph, of Shinnston, was a busi-BARTLETT: C. B. Woodruff, ness visitor in the city yesterday. Miss Mona Simon, of Fairmont, is the guest of Miss Virginia Hewitt, of

Monroe street. Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Modi spent Christmas with Mrs. Modi's sister, Mrs. C. L. Burgess in Wheeling.



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get them to join.

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MAKE YOUR CHRISTMAS A MERRY ONE

RUFF STUFF

in the papers this morning wr Woodrow and Kink George erday off solid gold plate

what's the use of paying tolls on stuff like that?

at the plain pee-pul of these here ed States want to know is, how

other words, is the green grocer ent to the kink a bigger han the guy around the cor-.

why is it that a prime roast from Chicago costs less in than it does in this burg, a or less closer to the

. a start the winter right g off your sidewalk nice

get right at it too, or the hard cop on the best might do it

al Collegiate Athletic Associants the training table abolish-

higher education from the midst of a whole lot of husky lads. Art for art's sake is all right for

them as likes it.

But book larnin' without free rare beef and the usual trimmin's would be somethin' else again in the opinion of many a freshwater college hero.

. . .

Well, they agreed upon plans for improvements for the river bridge approach yesterday. Judging by the way the Bando has

never built those two stations-And the way the city has never put a new floor on the Barnestown bridge

They'll carry out those plans about the time bolshevism in Russia becomes safe and sane.

Even the city government and the railroad cannot keep this town from growing The best evidence of that is that

they haven't done it.

Social Destination.

walking with her. publicity purposes. He's a prize win- that two or the men apointed in 1803 ner and much better known than she were elected by ballot in 1806.

On December 2, 1893, new trustees

were appointed for Wheeling, which had just been established as a town as follows: George Knox, William Irvine, Thomas Evans, John Kerr, William McDowell. Joseph Colewell, John White and Frederick Beinmer. The town had been laid out in lots by Col. Ebenezer Zane in 1793, and "established as a town" by act of assembly passed December 25, 1795, which named trustees as follows: John Mc-Intyer, Andrew Woods, Henry Smith, Archibold Woods, James Nelson, Rob ert Wools, Absalem Martin and William Waddle There was less interest in this set of trustees than in the next set appointed eight years later, when politics had taken birth. The town was was incorpcrated January 16, 1806, when it was made lawful for freeholders to 'nominate and elect, by ballot, twelve fit and able men, being feeholders and inhabitants of the town, to serve as mayor, recorder, alderman and common council for the same." On the 17th of March, 1806, such of ficers were selected as follows: Noah Lindsey, George Miller, William Irvine, Denniz Capat, William McCon-Mrs. Gramery—That's a very hand-nell, John Carr Joseph Caldwell, some dog Mrs. Newrich takes out Charles Hammond, Frederick Beimer, Mrs. Park—Yes, she uses him for liam Perrine. It is interesting to note